

# THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter  
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In coming and out going committee members: (left to right) Dorothy Stevenson, Salim Songerwala, Erica Augustson, Nicole Bertinshaw, Sue Blacklock, Noel Daniel, Noelene Smith, Lyndie Trevean, and Claire Weston. (Mark Hughes and Di Nelson absent)



When I finished work as an occupational therapist in my sixties I needed a new challenge – bridge became that. I initially gained playing skills and then moving into the management model, first as a committee member, then secretary, next vice president and eventually as

President - my father would be very proud – he encouraged me to play bridge as a child.

Some years ago I made a commitment to myself to always have a dog to make me walk every day and to concentrate my skills on bridge. I am very happy with the outcome.

The last three years as president has given me great pleasure. The club is going from strength to strength and I have complete confidence that the incoming committee will make this ongoing. What is wonderful is that ordinary members are so willing to take on the responsibility of positions and work together for our benefit.

Now I wonder, what will my next challenge be?

Thank you all.

*Dorothy Stevenson*



## President's Report



At the last AGM a new committee was elected. I am happy to report most members are continuing to serve again this year.

My sincere thanks go to our previous President Dorothy Stevenson whose calm and settled manner made her a great leader. Also, I take this opportunity to thank our other past presidents and their management committees who have served the club well over the years: Mary Firth, Roy Pulley, Lise Bank, Anne Osborne, Yvonne Oswald, Jean Dawkins Paula Sanders, Ann Mitchell, John McDonald, and Danny Mistry, all of whom we will continue to consult with for guidance in club matters.

Thanks to Erica Augustson who is stepping down from the committee after volunteering her time and expertise for many years as Vice President, Tournament Manager, and a committee member.

In order to encourage all our members to play more bridge we have begun 'intermediate' sessions. It is sincerely hoped members will take this opportunity to play and enjoy more bridge.

We have big marketing plans for this year with the help and guidance of the ABF, and Mark Hughes, our Marketing Manager. We would like to bring bridge to all households in the local community and we encourage all our members to promote the game to your families, friends, and people in the community.

Our negotiations with the Council are going very well. Those of you who attended our AGM will have seen the final plan. Christine Young, Mayor Russell Aubrey, and MLA Dean Nalder have been most helpful and supportive.

Members this is *your* club. Please, consider what you can do for it, and enjoy your bridge and friends at your club.

*Noel Daniel*



## Who's Who

Our club relies on the hard work of our volunteers and dedication of our supporters.

### **President: Noel Daniel (Left)**

Having volunteered in so many other ways at our club, Noel is now stepped up as President.

### **Vice President: Nicole Bertinshaw**



After working most diligently as our club's Treasurer, Nicole stayed on as a committee member and her business acumen continues to be asset to us. She is now stepping into the position of Vice President.

We also have Nicole to thank for keeping our club's data base up to date.

### **Secretary: Di Nelson**



Di is clearly one of our club's best assets. This delightfully friendly and efficient lady works quietly behind the scenes ensuring the smooth running of our club's administration.

### **Treasurer: Noelene Smith**



Having been given a given a crash course in our club's complex accounting system, (thanks to Nicole and Richard) Noelene now looks after the club's finances with ease and efficiency.

### **Web Master: Salim Songerwala**



In this highly technical age we live in, our club is extremely grateful to have Salim on board. If you are not already familiar with our web site, do check it out soon.

### **Marketing Manager: Mark Hughes**



Since joining our committee, Mark has been coming up with new and successful ways to promote our club. That eye-catching new sign on Canning Highway - that is one of Mark's initiatives.

**House Keeping Manager and Newsletter Editor: Lyndie Trevean**



Assisted by many wonderful volunteers, Lyndie is responsible for domestic matters within the club – kitchen and catering.

She is also responsible for the newsletter you are reading right now.

**Partnership Co-ordinator and Committee Member: Claire Weston**



As the title suggests, Claire is responsible for putting members in touch with other members looking for bridge partners. She also assists with marketing and the promoting our club's bridge lessons. She is a busy lady.

**Committee Member: Sue Blacklock**



Well liked Sue already volunteers behind the bar and behind the scenes, so we are looking forward to also having her input on the committee.

**Bar Manager and Auditor: Richard Power**



Richard is a typical 'Virgo', and our club certainly reaps the benefits of this. Our bar is thoroughly organised, from well stocked drinks to the neat rows of glasses - always arranged according to size.

A retired accountant, Richard has also volunteered to audit our club's book for many years.

**Card Dealing: Tony Stevens**



Knowledgeable Tony is the quiet and unassuming gentleman responsible for our club's card dealing.

He is also looks after our club's reticulation system.

**Club Librarian:**



Our club has good collection of bridge books and CDs, which are catalogued and loaned out to members by Mike McClone. If you are unsure of which book or CD would most suit you needs, have a chat with Mike.

**Tournament Committee: Noel Daniel (Tournament Manager), Suzanne Goodall, Tony Stevens, Dave Parham, Bill Symons, Di Nelson and Clair Weston.**

These members meet every two months and formulate the policies, rules and regulations of all Bridge Tournaments held at our club.

**Volunteer Handymen: Marty Goodall (photo) and Ken Toft**



Marty, a retired air traffic controller, and Ken, a retired pilot are two of the most over qualified handymen you are ever likely to meet. When something needs to be repaired, put together, or built

at our club, you can be sure one of them will be there to do it

**Our Rose Man: Alex Ritchie**



Our beautiful roses are cared for by Alex. The blooms are admired by members and visitors alike, and bunches are always appreciated when presented to a member on a special occasion or a stay in hospital.

**Our Cleaning Lady: Christina Rivett**



Christina has been with us for years now, and has become as much part of our club as our members. It is a delight to come in of a morning after she has been, and left the club so sparkling

clean and fresh.

Clearly, there are so many more of our members who volunteer their time and skills for various tasks throughout the year, and to those people we say: Thank you so much for being a part of our great club.

### Our Club's Directors:

Yes, all our diligent and well qualified directors are paid, however; considering the hours they work and their hourly rate, it is certainly fair to say they are all very special people in such specialised roles, doing the job for the love of the game and our club rather than monetary gain:



Monday afternoons - Jeanie Ravn



Tuesday includes a mini lesson before main session) and Thursday afternoons – Noel Daniel



Wednesday and Saturday afternoons– Leon Ref



Friday – Dave Parham (Australian Director)



Saturday mornings and Monday Evenings – Bill Symons (includes a mini lesson before main session

Saturdays



### BAWA President: Nigel Dutton

As President of BAWA, Nigel dedicates a huge amount of his time and energy to the bridge clubs within our State. He has taken a keen interest in our club and its development, offering well informed advice and guidance.

### **Bridge Association of Western Australia (BAWA)**



BAWA is 40 years old this year.

The Association has no individual players as members but rather our 36 affiliate clubs are BAWA members each of which have a number of representatives on the BAWA Council. This council vests the day to day management of the association to a Management Committee and elects to it the normal office bearers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary.

Along with general promotion of bridge in WA and the regulation of bridge events BAWA is responsible for the running of State Selection Events and State Championship and franchised national events such as the Swan River Swiss Pairs. An important point to note is that ALL BAWA events are open to ALL players regardless of rank or experience and playing in them is the very best way to improve your game. BAWA is keen to see you so your first event will be on us. If this seems somewhat daunting we do run a number of events for players below 300 MP which will allow you to gain some experience. Check the BAWA Calendar at [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au) for details.

### *Nigel Dutton – President of BAWA*

### ABF Secretary: Allison Stralow



Delightful and bubbly Allison is Secretary of the ABF and a home member of our club.

We are certain Allison is kept busy.

### **Australian Bridge Association (ABF):**



The ABF is the national bridge administrative body and is responsible for representing Australian Bridge players both nationally and internationally.

It is a non-profit organisation and its headquarters are located in Canberra. The ABF has approximately 35,500 registered

players and there are nearly 330 affiliated clubs throughout Australia. BAWA has 35 affiliated clubs and approximately 4,200 members.

The ABF Council consists of 2 delegates from each state and territory and meets twice each year. The ABF Management Committee is elected by council every 2 years and consists of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 ordinary members. This committee meets about 8 times each year to discuss and make decisions on a variety of issues aimed to foster the interest and enjoyment of bridge.

In recent years the ABF has appointed a National Teaching Coordinator and a National Marketing Officer who assist in the promotion of bridge in Australia and strive to help teachers at club level. Each year the ABF gives each state and territory a marketing and teaching grant to help in the promotion of bridge.

<http://www.abf.com.au>

*Allison Stralou*

#### **Club Patron: Mayor Russel Aubrey**



Mayor Russell Aubrey, in his role in local government has brought together his broad range of personal skills and his tertiary studies in information technology and economics which enabled him to expand his experience across the spectrum of local and government industry.

The Mayor is a keen supporter of our club and its value to the community.

He, and his delightful wife Glenys, have been welcome visitors at our club on many occasions over many years.

We are extremely grateful for his ongoing patronage.

#### **Our Club's Local MP Dean Nalder**



Dean Nalder has been our club's Local Member since 2013 and represents the areas of Alfred Cove, Applecross, Ardross, Bicton, Mt Pleasant and parts of Booragoon and Melville.

His friendly and easy manner has made him, and his lovely wife Collette, popular visitors at our club on many occasions.

Right from the start of his role as our local MP he has encouraged us and the building of our new club rooms.

Our club is most appreciative of his ongoing support.

#### *Life Member*



Our club's Life Membership is awarded to individuals who, over a long period of time, exemplify what it is to be a dedicated club member.

Much liked and respected, Dorothy Stevenson has belonged to our club for around 20 years now.

Over that time she has served as our club's Secretary and Vice President, however; it is has been as our club's President that she really made her mark, allowing her life experiences and skills, and often just good sense and good humour, to come to the fore. From negotiating plans for our new club rooms, to entertaining VIPs at our club's functions, to dealing the occasional difficult situation at our club, she has always excelled.

Dorothy frequently helps behind the bar, and on a more personal note, enjoys socialising on the other side with members for a drink after an afternoon's play.

She is kind and caring lady, who is delightfully easy to talk and laugh with.

This award is truly well deserved.

She joins our club's life members: Mary Firth, Jean Dawkins, Bert Ten Haaf, Lise Bank, and Miriam Winter.

## Winners and Grinners

### Club ANC Winners



Winners: (1st place) of the Vantage Wealth Management Teams Competition, Team Fox (above) comprised of three Melville members: Marty Goodall and Suzanne Goodall, new Melville member Dave Sloan (on the right), and Richard Fox (on the left). Richard is a former WA player, currently living in Queensland, who came across for the ANC.

### Club Team Championship



Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Symons: Tony Stevens, Leon Randolph, Peter Gill, and Bill Symons  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Team Sloan – Gary Frampton, Jo Sklarz, Se-moi Loh, and Dave Sloan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Team Arendts: Helen Arendts, Joan Valentine, Elizabeth McNeil, and Valerie Isle

### Butler Pairs



Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Tony and Salim Songerwala  
2<sup>nd</sup> Merleine and Robert Wylie  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel.  
Best Restricted Pair: Errol Jacob and David Lobo



Helen Arendts and Cassie Morin (above) were clear winners (1<sup>st</sup> place) of the City of Melville BC pairs with a whopping 67.25%.



## 'A' Game'



Browsing through results from the previous ANC held in Perth, I was looking at the Seniors' Butler. With two rounds to go there were about six pairs in contention, and by the last round Ruth

and John Hansen were the front runners, as the draw in the last match favoured them, with their closest rivals playing against each other. Again I talk about luck, where you have no control over what your opponents do. They were playing against Mary Firth (pic) and Audrey McCarthy, and on this round Mary and Audrey played so well that they would have defeated anyone. They had brought their "A" game to the table and bid everything in sight. This was the board that started the rot.

	♠A2	
	♥AJ10	
	♦A8	
	♣KQJ762	
♠Q1074		♠J9865
♥K9532		♥874
♦K92		♦Q43
♣10		♣98
	♠K3	
	♥Q6	
	♦J10765	
	♣A543	

Dealer north. All vul.

The bidding at John and Ruth's table was simple: 1C -1D: 2NT. 3C: 4NT (Blackwood). 5D - one ace. 5NT – how about kings? 6D. I had one king. 6NT. Quite a simple sequence, but a hand dependent on cards being favourably placed. After south bids 3C it was certainly not unreasonable for north, with all those controls, to go looking for a slam in clubs.

Against 6NT, on a spade lead, the contract fails unless the heart finesse is right. In 6C you can play for a 3-3 break in diamonds, and if that does not work you can still fall back on the heart finesse. So 6C was certainly the better contract. The fact is that not a single of the other pairs bid the slam, all playing in 3NT, with one pair in 5C. In the open Butler one pair bid to 6C, with the rest in 3NT. It was the same

in the Women's Butler with one pair bidding 6C, against Doreen Jones and Marnie Leybourne. The rest were in 3NT.

On board five Mary and Audrey bid to 4H, with the rest of the room winning the contract in 5D. The last nail in the coffin, for Ruth and John, was on board nine, where Audrey and Mary sacrificed in 5H, for minus 100, with the rest of the field in five or six diamonds, doubled and making.

They had come to bid, and every decision that they took, big or small, turned out to be right. If they happen to read the column today they may recall this splendid session of bridge, probably the best that they may ever have played together, which deprived my friends, Ruth and John Hansen, the chance of winning the 2007 Seniors Butler.

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## Bridge Tip

South  
K Q 8 7 6  
9 6  
8 5 3  
K J 7

North East South West

1H Pass 1S Pass

2D Pass 2H

1. South shouldn't repeat the spades as this shows a 6+ card suit.
2. South shouldn't bid 2NT as this promises 11-12 points
3. South shouldn't pass (see below).
4. With a weak hand, when the total cards held (between both partners) in opener's 1st suit are greater than or equal to the total cards in opener's 2nd suit, it is correct to 'give preference' to opener's 1st suit.

*Reference: Nofearbridge.co.uk*

## Change of Suit



Marty and Suzanne recently enjoyed cruising with Princess Cruises for a delightful 18 day adventure around Australia. They began their journey at Fremantle and finished in Sydney at Darling Harbour. Thus the end of their cruise provided views of both the beautiful Sydney Opera House and the magnificent Harbour Bridge. The cruise was called the Northern Explorer and with exception of one short stopover in Indonesia all of the other ports were in Australia; Geraldton, Broome, Darwin, Port Douglas, Brisbane and Sydney.

As always they say they had an absolutely fabulous time cruising. Wonderful food, fantastic service, terrific entertainment and the weather gods were smiling as the seas were like a millpond for the entire time.

Between eating three meals daily in a silver service restaurant they usually managed to play bridge with a very nice couple from NSW, attend the twice daily trivia session, and listen to some amazing lectures.

They both love everything about cruising. Both like to don their 'glad rags' to the evening dinner service. They had a special invitation to the Captain's party which was lovely. This was their 8th cruise in two and half years and as they love it so much in all probability it will not be their last.

## Bridge Tip

When discarding at no-trump or even at a trump contract where getting a ruff is not an issue, avoid discarding from short suits, particularly short suits where you cannot see the queen in dummy. You may be exposing partner's queen to a finesse in a two way finesse position. It is usually right to discard from unimportant length.

*Eddy Kantar – Kantarbridge.com*

## Guess Who?



What a beautiful baby! She is a few decades older now, but who is she?

Hint: Having brought up her children, she returned to study and work as a lecturer of History at Curtin University. She is an intelligent and interesting lady who is able to converse with good amount of knowledge on many topics.



Last editions dear little girl was, of course, Jeanie Ravn.



## The Senility Prayer:

Grant me the senility to forget the people  
I never liked anyway,  
The good fortune to run into the ones I do, and  
The eyesight to tell the difference.

*Contribution ~ Suzanne Goodall*

## *Please Be Considerate*

- Value your partner/s
- Greet your new opponents as they arrive at the table
- Thank you opponents at the end of the round
- Explain your system clearly and simply, is asked
- Be understanding of newer players
- Report poor behaviour to your Director (club play) or Recorder (tournament play)
- Be polite to other competitors and volunteers
- Introduce yourself to people you don't know
- Be on time
- Acknowledge good play by your opponents
- Respect our directors

Reference: [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au)



## *Mal's Humour*

Locomotive – mad purpose  
Disappointed – refused meeting  
Illegal – sick raptor  
Pacific salmon – sleeping fish  
Plunger – high diver  
Mascot – bed in church  
Godfather – dad of Zeus  
Spanner – bridge  
Copycat – feline duplicator operator  
Mafia – Italian son's dread of a dominant mother (editor's favourite)

*Contribution from Mal Pryce*

## *Quotable Quote*

Everyone needs a coach. It doesn't matter whether you're a basketball player, a tennis player, a gymnast or a bridge player.

*Bill Gates*



## *New Members*

Please make the following new members feel welcome when you see them around our club: Guy Kirk, Sam Davamoni, Janet Morris, Meike Schoolland, Manesh Patel, Jaganathan Govindasamy, Brian Wall, Pauline Ash, Eric Williams, Kaye Holmes (re-joining), Sydney Tong, Irene Sim (transferring), and Clive Ashford (transferring).



## *Vale*

Our members mourn the very sad loss of Eric White and extend their deepest sympathy to Marie and family.

We also mourn sad loss of the gentle mannered Jan Spence who passed away after a long stay in hospital.

And this month too, our deepest sympathies go to Beryl Youngman and family. Ronnie will be dearly missed by all our members who knew him.



## *Coming Events*

Melville Mayor's Trophy – September 5  
Dora Wilson Trophy – September 11 and 18  
Novice Pairs' Championship – October 13  
Guys and Dolls Championship October 16 and 23

## *Acknowledgements*

Many thanks to the members who have kindly contributed to this newsletter – suitable contributions are always most welcome.